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In re Application of: Gary S. Fanton et al.
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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CLEARING
OBSTRUCTIONS FROM SURGICAL CUTTING
INSTRUMENTS
Examiner: Darwin P. Erez
Group Art Unit: 3773
Attorney's Docket No.: FAN-1(027-001)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a five (5) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed September 10, 2008 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from October 10, 2008 to March 10, 2009.

A check in the amount of \$1,175.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.
A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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